

Senate Bill No. 117

CHAPTER 716

An act to amend Section 77 of Chapter 741 of the Statutes of 2003, relating to water.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 117, Machado. Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002.

The Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002, an initiative measure approved by the voters at the November 5, 2002, statewide general election, authorizes the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$3,440,000,000 for the purposes of financing a safe drinking water, water quality, and water reliability program. Existing law, notwithstanding other provisions of the act that require the development of project solicitation and evaluation guidelines, the provision of technical assistance, and the preparation and delivery of reports to the Legislature on the expenditure of bond funds, requires responsible agencies to use electronic communication, to determine the timing of the development of guidelines, and to use any and all other efficiencies necessary to provide a public process reasonably calculated to provide access and relevant grant application and award information to interested persons within the budgetary and personnel constraints imposed by the state budget.

This bill would modify that provision notwithstanding provisions of the act to exclude reference to provisions relating to the use of a matching fund requirement, the use of existing guidelines, and the provision of technical assistance. The bill would require responsible agencies, to the maximum extent feasible, to provide outreach to disadvantaged communities to promote access to relevant grant application and award information.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 77 of Chapter 741 of the Statutes of 2003 is amended to read:

SEC. 77. The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

(a) The current fiscal crisis requires that the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition



50) be administered in the most cost-efficient manner consistent with ensuring public participation in the development of program guidelines and outreach and technical assistance to communities throughout the state.

(b) Notwithstanding paragraphs (1) and (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 79505.6 or Section 79575 of the Water Code, agencies responsible for the development of guidelines and reports pursuant to those sections shall use electronic communication, including publication of information on the Internet, shall determine the timing of the development of guidelines, and shall use any and all other efficiencies necessary to provide a public process reasonably calculated to provide access and relevant grant application and award information to interested persons within the budgetary and personnel constraints imposed by the state budget. To the maximum extent feasible, each state agency shall provide outreach to disadvantaged communities to promote access to relevant grant application and award information.

(c) It is the intent of the Legislature that, through the annual budget process, there be a review of progress undertaken by state agencies to develop guidelines to implement this act.

